

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 2010
7:00 P.M. - Duvall Fire Station
15600 – 1st Avenue NE, Duvall**

Council Workshop 6:30 PM: Continued Discussion – Information Technology

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ibershof at 7:02 P.M.

Council Present: Gérard Cattin, Dianne Brudnicki, Vicki Edwards, Elizabeth Walker, Gary Gill, Amy Ockerlander, Glen Kuntz.

Staff Present: Steve Leniszewski, Glenn Merryman, Harry Oestreich, Lara Thomas, Bruce Disend, Jodi Lee Wycoff.

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll including checks #10001-10007 in the amount of \$151,864.14; Claims including checks #10009-10073 and #10004 in the amount of \$122,999.43. Under Council add: Councilmembers Gérard Cattin and Amy Ockerlander. Under New Business Remove: Item #2 (AB10-17) Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with King County for Jail Services; Add: Item #3. A discussion on Sustainability in Duvall; and Item #4. Duvall Days Update.

II. Adoption of Council Agenda:

*It was moved and seconded (Edwards-Walker) to adopt the Council Agenda.
The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

III. Comments from the Audience:

Jay Beavers, a long-time Duvall resident, gave an update on the Google program that would lay fiber optic lines in local communities to provide high speed internet access. He has met with a few staff members and the Mayor. He also announced a community meeting about the program on March 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Innocents Church. He thanked Mayor, Council and Staff for their support and help thus far. Jay also commented on the IT subject of the Council workshop. He believes that Duvall has many needs in IT and Council should seriously consider hiring a full-time person for that position. He said it may be difficult to find one person due to the breadth of the work, but that Council should try.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Walker-Edwards) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll including checks #10001-10007 in the amount of \$151,864.14; Claims including checks #10009-10073 and #10004 in the amount of \$122,999.43; and approving the Council Meeting minutes of 2/11/10. The motion carried. (7 ayes).

V. Presentation: None

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Ibershof thanked the River Current for their article regarding King County Executive Constantine's visit to the Valley. They had a great visit with Duvall staff. One of his interests is to do a TV special on Duvall to promote the city. Mayor Ibershof said that he attended the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association meeting the same night as the Executive's tour. Thirty-Eight people attended. Executive Constantine spoke and said that he would like to work with us on tourism. He didn't realize all of the amenities that are available out here and he would like to work with us on cross-promotional options. Deputy Assessor for King County also attended. Mayor Ibershof said that Lloyd Hara, King County Assessor will be guest speaker at the next SVGA meeting in Carnation on April 21st.

2. Committee Reports:

Because the new Committees were just formed on 2/20/10 at the Council Retreat, none of the Committees have met yet; therefore, there were no Committee reports.

3. Council:

a. Councilmember Gérard Cattin reported that he attended the Regional Law Safety & Justice Committee meeting where they discussed the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Plan (MIDD). They currently service 130 persons. Those individuals get counseling and other help with their mental health problems. There is new funding to add 120 more people that will be able to start using the service. Cities will be able to start taking advantage of the service as well. The City public defender should attend a training on March 26th to learn how to use the service. We could essentially pass a case we determine will fit in this process to King County who would take over the case and the costs associated. King County will expand the mental health court on the Eastside as well as the regional justice center. The second item of interest was a proposal to avert the budget crisis regarding the public safety & justice system in King County. They had a representation for the four elected officials for the justice system. Their proposal is to go through a RCW section that enables sales and use tax for counties & cities for criminal justice purposes. One third of the money has to go to fire or police but the other two-thirds could be spent at the discretion of entity. But it has to be adopted by the County. They have to agree to put it on ballot. They gave a breakout per city and Duvall would

see an increase of \$206,000 – 1/3 to fire or police. They also discussed whether limits could be put on the use of the funds – the county could decide how the city would spend this money. They are waiting until the end of the state session to see if the state will adopt a sales tax of 1 cent across the board before they pursue this proposal.

b. Councilmember Amy Ockerlander gave a brief update on current Legislative actions. Senate Bill 6611 is still moving forward. This bill would give cities a three-year extension on some of the Growth Management Act required comprehensive plan updates. Looking at the budget, funding levels appear to be holding steady for criminal justice and hospitals. There have been rather heated discussions on revenue options that the House and Senate are both proposing. No one wants to hurt the average person, but they are faced with an unprecedented situation that has not been seen since the Depression. One thing that is making discussions a little more difficult is that they have over \$900 million in mandatory spending. One of the areas we could see a hit regionally is in the juvenile criminal justice. This would leave fewer options for local governments and fewer opportunities for troubled youth in our state. Legislators have had to make severe cuts with a 44% reduction in State government spending in portion of the general fund that are not controlled by a mandate of some sort. We will start to notice cuts in things like litter control, State parks, and road maintenance. If these things are important to you, Councilmember Ockerlander encourages you contact your legislators to let them know.

VII. Public Hearing: *None*

VIII. New Business:

1. (AB10-16) A Resolution #10-02 of the City Council of the City of Duvall declaring certain city equipment surplus. *It was moved and seconded (Kuntz-Gill) to approve Resolution #10-02 of the City Council of the City of Duvall declaring certain city equipment surplus. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

2. Duvall Days Update.

Kris Wentworth, Duvall Days coordinator, gave an update on the status of Duvall Days. She said that this past week, after a few meetings with Councilmember Kuntz, Chief Merryman and a few key business owners, it was decided that Main Street will remain closed for the full day (8am to 5pm) this year. She went on to say that part of that agreement is that they will discuss different options next year such as changing the date to later in the summer, moving everything back down to the park, and other possibilities. Kris handed out and reviewed a summary of what Duvall Days looks like now. They have started the process of creating a non-profit for Duvall Days with a board of directors. She gave a brief overview of some of the new items for this year which include a street dance, a wall of gratitude, and a local heroes contest. Kris announced that there is a new website, www.duvalldays.org, which will be promoted throughout King County. She did say that they need Council's help with a few things: they need help with promotion, specifically in the utility bills; they also need Council and Staff to send people to the Steering Committee if they have any questions about Duvall Days. They are going

to need about 100 volunteers this year, so anyone interested, please contact her. The last item they need Council's help with is the parade. Kris asked for their help with judging this year. Kris said that it has been great this year to see new people get involved which brings new life in to Duvall Days.

3. Discussion on Sustainability in Duvall.

Councilmember Elizabeth Walker reviewed a presentation she called Sustainability 101, which broke down the concept and process of sustainability into simple ideas and steps. She said that there are two major things that need to be balanced in order to accomplish sustainability. One is ecological; there are ecologic limits to what we are doing. We are using up non-renewable resources, producing substances that are accumulating, and systematically degrading our physical world. On the other hand, there are human needs we must meet. According to sustainability courses, a need is defined in that its absence, over a long period of time, results in poverty or illness. We have declining resources and the capacity of the earth is dropping while human population and consumption rises. Elizabeth explained that sustainability is finding a balance between the ecological needs and human needs.

Elizabeth would like to work on Duvall's economic development using the sustainability model. For this to be successful, there needs to be community involvement. They need to create a vision as a community. The process would start by creating a citizen advisory group. This process would be community owned and municipality led. The group Elizabeth would like the municipal lead to be the current Economic Development Committee. She would like Council to convert that committee to be the Sustainability Committee.

She handed out a few documents explaining why this is necessary and examples of some successes that have occurred using the sustainability model. This model is basically looking at a vision of where you want to be and then work on steps to get there.

Councilmember Vicki Edwards thanked Councilmember Walker for her help and patience while Council learns about this model. She handed out an article about California's man-made drought that was caused because they shut off irrigation pumps to save an endangered fish. She is concerned that the needs of animal and plant will overshadow the human needs. Councilmember Walker explained that the situation in California was not handled using the sustainability model.

Councilmember Edwards also commented on the CAO which was not popular in this area. She was curious how Sustainability would be accepted here. Councilmember Walker said that this is going to be a community driven vision so it would have to be accepted by the community first.

Councilmember Ockerlander mentioned that every entity, including Duvall, has a Critical Areas Ordinance. King County made some errors in their planning and they are making corrections. However, this is not a Sustainability issue. With Sustainability you find a balance for the community as a whole. The City of Duvall does not have any farming

areas left within city limits but is in our surrounding area. We can do some things within our community that will also help the agricultural community in the surrounding areas.

Councilmember Cattin does echo what Councilmember Edwards said regarding how historically there has been a backlash from environmentalist decisions regarding personal property. History has made us leery of government led initiatives regarding the environment. He doesn't feel that Sustainability is the same thing as previous environmental agendas. He does think that having a community created and municipal led model is a good way to do it. This would give us a chance to correct the course as we go. He supports having this process locally led.

Councilmember Brudnicki said that the community involvement is a very attractive part of this model. She wants to get more information and thinks that Council should look into it.

Councilmember Edwards asked for clarification about a statement made during the Council Retreat last weekend. She said it sounded like the Sustainability Committee, if created, would be in charge of the rest of the Council committees. Councilmember Walker clarified that they would not be in charge. What she was saying was that if any of the other committees were having difficulties making a certain decision the Sustainability Committee could help them through the model process to make that decision.

Councilmember Kuntz expressed his excitement to learn more about Sustainability and how it could help Duvall. He doesn't feel that he has seen enough information to make any decisions yet.

Councilmember Ockerlander said that she wants to talk more about the possibilities for Duvall's economic development as a result of this process. Through this process you have the potential of improving your quality of life, social well being of your community and on the agricultural side; you have an opportunity to create certain types of agri-tourism. These could all contribute to our long term economic stability and environmental sustainability and social health. She strongly feels that if it all comes together it can make a huge difference for Duvall.

There was general Council consensus that they would like more information about the Sustainability model before they decide to make anything official with the committees.

IX. Executive Session: *None*

X. Adjournment:
*It was moved and seconded (Gill-Edwards) to adjourn. The motion carried. (7 ayes).
The meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

Signed _____
Mayor Will Ibershof

Attest _____
Jodi Lee Wycoff, Deputy City Clerk